

The End of an Era



Tony Bockman, who recently retired as chairman of the International Consortium of British Pensioners and as a director of CABP, has been nothing short of an inspiration to a great many people. With passion, vision and sound common sense, he midwived the live birth of the consortium, putting paid at last to the smug belief once voiced in government circles in Britain that 'frozen' pensioners would never unite into a cohesive force, a force to be reckoned with. Thanks to Tony's commitment, this was proven to be so very, very wrong.

Much of Tony's life throughout the past decade has been given to eradicating pension freezing, his energy sometimes needing to be topped up by his natural ability to unearth the humour within the challenging situations that frequently assailed his efforts. All the while, his devotion to his beloved Jean and their family never flagged and by some miracle – time expansion? – rarely was squeezed into second place by the unending heavy demands of his pension-related responsibilities.



Tony became a CABP volunteer in 2003 and joined the national board the following year until required to step down after five terms in 2008, having served as chairman from 2005. He rejoined the board for two years in 2011.

On behalf of all CABP members and frozen pensioners around the world, Tony, it is my privilege to express our heartfelt gratitude to you and our very best wishes for the future. Meanwhile, I'm hoping the rumour that you will be helping with the Ottawa chapter bears out.